

Amendment  
Serial No. 10/024,779

Docket No. GB000177

### REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 16-20 are added. Claims 1-20 are pending, the independent claims being 1, 17 and 18. Claims 1-4 are amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 CFR 1.75(c) as multiple dependent claims dependent from other multiple dependent claims.

Reference is made to the preliminary amendment filed simultaneously with the instant patent application. Claims 14 and 15 both depend from claim 6, which depends only from claim 1. No other dependency relations exist for claims 14 and 15. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for use of the word "around." This term is now removed from the claim, rendering the present ground of rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,940,431 to Haartsen et al. ("Haartsen").

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

receiving in a second transceiver on simultaneous combinations of radio channels, said combinations having been selected sequentially from a second plurality of radio channels according to a second sequence, wherein the first and second plurality of radio channels have at least partial commonality, said radio channels of a simultaneous combination from among said combinations being received, in said receiving, simultaneously

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The amendment of claim 1 finds support in the specification (e.g., page 3, lines 3-6; page 8, lines 3-8).

It is respectfully submitted that Haartsen does not disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1.

The passage in Haartsen cited by the Office Action, i.e., lines 38-52 of column 1, describes conventional synchronization for frequency hopping transceivers, but does not disclose or suggest the above-quoted feature of claim 1.

For at least this reason, claim 1 distinguishes patentably over Haartsen.

The other rejected claims each depend from base claim 1, which has been shown to be patentable over Haartsen, and are likewise deemed to be patentable.

New claim 16 is derived from original claim 1.

New claim 17 finds support in original claim 1, and the specification (e.g., page 8, lines 3-8).

New claims 18-20 find support in original claim 6, and in the specification (e.g., page 3, lines 24-30; page 8, lines 3-8).

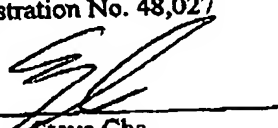
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For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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